

**PALM
BOAT & BUS LINE**

SCHEDULE

8½-HOUR SERVICE

West Palm Beach-Clewiston
West Palm Beach-Fort Myers
Read down Read
Westbound Eastbound
:00 a.m. West Palm Beach 6:30 p

4:40 a.m. Belle Glade 4:45 p.
4:45 a.m. Chosen 4:30 p.
2:30 p.m. Clewiston Arr 2:00 p.
(30 minutes at Clewiston for lunch)
1:15 p.m. Moore Haven 1:00 p.
4:45 p.m. LaBelle 11:45 a.
Arr 6:30 p.m. Fort Myers. Lv 10:15 a.
Connecting with 7:00 p.m. bus to Miami

Connecting bus leaving Miami 7
n., arriving West Palm Beach 10 a.
Daily
Ticket office: Florida Motor Line
120 N. Narcissus Street
West Palm Beach
Phone 571
A. L. FITZHUGH,
Palm Street Phone 465

FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY

(Flagler System)
CONDENSED SCHEDULE
Departures from West Palm Beach

Effective April 20, 1926.		
Southbound		
85	Coaches-Sleepers	12:10 A.M.
35	All Pullman	6:45 A.M.
37	Coaches-Sleeper	10:30 A.M.
81	All Pullman	5:55 P.M.
29	Coaches-Parlor Car	9:45 P.M.
75	All Pullman	11:14 P.M.
Northbound		
76	All Pullman	3:10 A.M.
86	Coaches-Sleepers	5:00 A.M.
30	Coaches-Parlor Car	7:50 A.M.

34 All Pullman	10:25 A.M.
38 Coaches-Sleeper	8:35 P.M.
36 All Pullman	10:25 P.M.

For further information see the
Ticket Agent
J. D. RAHNER,
General Agent

General Passenger Agent

LOUIS C. GOOLSBY
NOTARY PUBLIC
for the State of Florida at Large
CANAL POINT, FLORIDA

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
TAX DEED**
Under Section 777 of the Revised Gen-
eral Statutes of Florida
Notice is hereby given that P. J.
Nelson, purchaser of Tax Certificate No.
dated the 7th day of August A. D.
has filed said certificate in my
office and has made application for tax
to issue in accordance with law.
This certificate embraces the following
described property, situated in Palm
Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

10 block 291 Lake Worth. The said
being assessed at the date of the
presence of such certificate in the name
V. H. Blair. Unless said certifi-
cate shall be redeemed according to
tax deed will issue thereon on the
day of July, A. D. 1926.
Witness my official signature and
this the 31st day of May, A. D. 1926.
Fred E. Fanno,
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm
Beach County, Florida.
First publication June 11th.
Second publication July 16th, 1926.

Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida is hereby given that C. E. [redacted], purchaser of Tax Certificate [redacted] 1967, dated the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1967, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax to issue in accordance with law. The certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 12 [redacted]

143 Town of Lake Worth. The land being assessed at the date of issuance of such certificate in the name of Wm. Fray. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law deed will issue thereon on the

FRED E. FENNO.
Clerk Circuit Court,
Balm Beach County, Florida

FLER, BARNETT & TAYLOR
Civil Engineers And Surveyors
Citizens Bldg.
WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

W. R. & McFadden, Inc.
CIVIL ENGINEERS
West Palm Beach, Fla.

FERGUSON
Undertaking Co.
410 Dutura St.
West Palm Beach

Around The Great Lake

OKEECHOBEE

(Compiled from The News.)
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Daniels.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Denham Bird and children are visiting in Jacksonville and Watertown.

Leon Latour of the Everglades Fisheries spent the week in Jacksonville and Savannah.

Mrs. W. W. Potter and daughter, Mrs. J. E. Price, have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., for a week's stay.

Mrs. Ruth Owen has purchased the insurance business formerly owned by D. P. Delberry and W. R. Garvin.

Rev. T. M. Lee, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. F. L. Crowson and son Lincoln attended the conference at St. Petersburg.

Ralph Bradford, who has been studying law at the University of Chicago, Md., is at home for the summer with his parents, Col. and Mrs. C. Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Griffin, who have been living in Alabama for several months, have returned to Okeechobee. He will be in charge of McNeil & Johnson's insurance business.

Russell Hull of West Palm Beach visited here during the week. Roy M. Price of Key City and Frank Hamilton of West Palm Beach were other east coast visitors.

J. V. Y. Ritts of Butler, Pa., Col. R. E. Hamrick, L. M. Raulerson and John Delberry made a visit to Tallahassee on business with State Comptroller Ernest Amos.

Rev. John S. Shepherd of Euclid, a supply pastor, preached at the Presbyterian church. The Okeechobee congregation expects to call a regular pastor in September.

An automobile driven by a Mr. Well was struck by a Seaboard passenger train Tuesday night. The car was completely demolished and the driver is now in the hospital, saving his life by jumping.

CLEWISTON

CLEWISTON, June 23.—The Clewiston Rod and Gun Club has established traps for clay pigeon shooting and will devote itself to the development of all forms of sport along lines indicated by its title.

In organizing, honorary memberships were extended to R. Dahlberg, Chicago, president of The Celotex Company; Isaac T. Cook of St. Louis, widely known builder and contractor of skyscraper office buildings, both of whom are interested in the development of Clewiston and the adjoining Sugarland drainage district, and to Judge John L. Doggett of Jacksonville, who is general counsel for the Clewiston Company, Incorporated.

The club elected Irving Leventon, formerly of Oak Park, Ill., as president; B. A. Doerk, treasurer and field manager; and Lou Winter, secretary. In a short time plans will be developed for meetings with similar clubs in other parts of Florida.

GLADES COUNTY

(Compiled from the Moore Haven Democrat.)
St. Petersburg.
Joe Akers is shipping tomatoes to St. Petersburg.

The Stone Development Company's dredge No. 1 is working again.

C. O. Benbow has returned from a trip to the east coast, where he went just to see what was going on.

P. Pederson left for Elbow, Saskatchewan, Canada, his old home. He will return in September.

Mayor Smith and wife have gone to New York. She will take medical treatment while away on vacation.

Rev. F. W. Nolte was in town this week. He now lives at East Fort Myers. A few years ago he was representative from Glades county, pastor of the Moore Haven Baptist church and editor of The Democrat.

A party of A. C. L. railroad people visited this section to observe conditions and get information on which to base decision as to schedules for the summer. It is understood no changes will be made, the outlook being for as good business as in the winter.

A hot carbon dropped in the Moore Haven moving picture show's projector room caused a fire that did \$1500 damage. C. K. Kluffs, the owner, went to Tampa and got a new outfit and again is running the show. The projecting room is being fireproofed instead of being fireproofed in the past.

D. L. Lene has a plan to divide 2500 acres of land into five acre tracts and sell to poultrymen. Establishment of a large hatchery is part of the plan. Purchasers of tracts would be furnished with baby chicks. The promoters offer to sell supplies at low price and local meat market.

Postmaster Yoder has moved the postoffice to the arcade building opposite the postoffice by C. Williams. New fixtures have been bought. The new location is on Avenue Street and is a fine building. The new hardware store and what was formerly the office of the Glades Loan Association is now vacant.

NEW COUNTY ENGINEER
OKEECHOBEE, June 19.—G. M. Ford, of Price & Ford Engineers, has been appointed county engineer by the county commissioners and will have charge of laying out roads, bridges, etc., as well as supervising the construction.

M. E. CHURCH NEWS

The Sunday schools of the two churches are planning a picnic to be had at Bare Beach Sunday, July 4th.

The committees have decided to have the classes assembled on the ground as a union class at about 10 a. m. and have the pastor to deliver a message following the classes. The pastor will speak on the American Flag. After this the dinner will be spread. All are urged to come and bring baskets and enjoy the day. South Bay and Belle Glade Sunday schools will furnish luncheon and coffee, acting as hosts.

There will be no services at either of the churches on the 4th.

Our Sunday schools are holding up fine though many of the good are on vacation. We are doing some improving on the churches.

Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m. Belle Glade.

South Bay Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m.

WM. JESSE THOMAS, Pastor.

SOUTH BAY

The local chapter of the W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Willis on Thursday afternoon for a social and business affair. Mrs. Templeton read a paper on "What Has Taken Place of the Saloon in the Sober Workingman's Life." Mrs. Forbes gave Dr. Frank Crane's Five Reasons for Prohibition. Other papers were read on various subjects. The chapter is placing subscriptions to the juvenile W. C. T. U. magazine, The Young Crusader, in all the small homes where there are young children. At the close of the session, grape juice and cake were served by the refreshment committee.

The reporter wishes to correct an error in last week's issue. The mistake was not on the part of the editor. So it is M. H. Barnes instead of Brown and Mr. Graham who are to farm the 75 acres this coming season. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Graham drove to Moore Haven Monday on business.

J. J. McAlister and family left Tuesday for a two months visit with their people in Indiana.

Steward Fitzhugh visited his home in Florida, Saturday.

Frank Franz of the Franz Mercantile Company, has purchased a new Chevrolet sedan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are on their way to their ranch in Montana.

Frank S. Lee, our real estate man, has had a letter sent here, is very much concerned about the protection of alligators along the canals. The gators being killed off at such a rate they will soon be extinct. We believe they should be protected by law.

Master Eugene Goodfriend is visiting his grandfather for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lyons had a family reunion last Sunday. They have eight children of whom three girls and two boys are married. Sons, daughters and "in-laws" and grandchildren were all present—25 in all. A grand time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozier and Charley Forbes and Miss Eunice Hay motored to West Palm Beach Sunday. Capt. Ozier's Chrysler.

Mr. Crocker of the Friedham-Crocker Co. has returned from his trip to Tampa. He bought a bill of dry goods while in Tampa.

Mr. Jessy Thomas, appointed chairman on a committee Sunday to locate a suitable ground for a Sunday school, has asked Mr. Barnes to serve, so they motored over to Bare Beach Monday in Mr. Barnes' motor boat and selected a place there. South Bay and Belle Glade Sunday schools and all who will join them expect to have their lesson, followed by a sermon on the grounds, starting at 10 a. m. Dinner will be served. Everybody invited. Bring a basket. Sunday, July 4th, meet at 10 a. m., spend the day.

Rev. Thomas visited friends in Canal Point Tuesday and looked after some business, then drove to West Palm Beach, on business, returning home Wednesday.

MUST PAY TAX

TAMPA, June 18.—The jury sitting before Judge Lake one in the Federal court, yesterday returned a verdict of \$55,000 in favor of the Richmond Trust Company against the county of Charlotte for failure to pay for the bonds and interest for the Murock Drainage District. The suit has been pending about three years.

THE FOURTH AT LAKE WORTH
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GLADES WEATHER

Everglades Experiment Station, Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the week ending Saturday, June 19, 1926.

Date	Temperature	Rain	Evapo-
	Max.	Min.	fall ratio
13	90	68	0.20 0.110
14	90	67	1.07 0.201
15	92	69	0.27 0.188
16	88	70	0.10 0.156
17	89	71	0.42 0.147
18	86	71	0.80 0.221
19	86	72	0.09 0.254

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

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Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending June 19, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
13	90	69	0.00
14	90	69	0.23
15	88	70	0.12
16	90	70	0.14
17	87	71	0.19
18	87	72	0.09
19	89	70	0.00

Average 89 70 Total 0.79

D. W. DUMBLEY, Cooperative Observer.

Okeechobee

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending June 19, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
13	92	70	0.00
14	83	69	0.43
15	83	70	0.57
16	88	70	1.11
17	83	71	0.00
18	92	71	0.00
19	84	65	0.00

SAM H. SHERARD, Cooperative Observer.

Canal Point

Temperature and rainfall record at Canal Point, Florida, for week ending June 20, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
14	91	69	0.31
15	88	70	1.08
16	90	69	0.00
17	90	73	0.00
18	88	71	0.05
19	91	71	0.00
20	95	66	0.31

Average 90 70 Total 1.75
Total rain since January 1, 1926, 21.57 inches.

Gauge above lock, 17 feet; gauge below lock, 14.5 feet.

C. P. SHEFFIELD.

Clewiston, Fla.

Weather report for the week ending June 19, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
13	86	70	0.22
14	87	68	0.07
15	87	71	0.07
16	87	71	0.07
17	88	73	0.10
18	89	72	0.00
19	91	67	0.00

PEOPLE WE KNOW

L. F. Roland, who moved from Paducah to Indianatown about a year ago, would like to come back to East Beach.

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Supervisors of Manatee Valley drainage district, with offices at Bradenton, will receive

PAHOKEE

DREDGE WORK DONE ON BELLE GLADE-PAHOKEE ROAD; NO SURFACE CONTRACT

All of the dredging on the Pahokee-Belle Glade road is completed, J. T. Pickett, road maintenance engineer in Commissioner C. W. Bell's district, said Monday when he came to meet Engineer Ferguson, whose crew is stationed here to set stakes and to work over ahead of the construction force. The Bryan & Holloway dredge that made the mud fill in the 10 miles distance is back at Belle Glade, after filling low places in the grade.

No contract for picking the road has been given. Mr. Pickett said, and he had no information as to plans for putting rock on the grade. He expected the rocking of the Canal Point-Bacon Point road would start shortly, as the contract on this section calls for a completed road. Bryan & Holloway, contractors, have drill barge and Mr. Pickett understood that as soundings had shown the location of rock, material for the grade could be had in this vicinity, although there was a chance that rock for the Canal Point-Bacon Point grade might be barged from the bank of Hillsboro canal. The Hillsboro canal rock is fine road material, Mr. Pickett said.

PAHOKEE

Miss Edna Jensen is visiting friends in Miami.

Carl Cone of Fulford was in town Saturday.

Joanna Taylor of Plant City is visiting Park and Adine Weller.

Rev. Slay and family left Wednesday for their home in Mobile, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have returned from a visit to Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes left Thursday for a visit in Georgia and Tennessee.

L. B. Bayton of Okeechobee visited his aunt, Mrs. L. B. Spooner Sunday.

Miss Jean Hill of West Palm Beach is spending awhile with her aunt, Mrs. H. C. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenbruner and Mrs. Rogers and little Juanita are stopping in Tampa this week.

C. L. Graham of Orlando visited over a few hours with his brother, H. C. Graham Thursday.

Miss Margaret York, who has been visiting Miss Katherine Singleton since school closed, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Graham and Crews, Miss Ruby Richardson and Irma Tidwell and Rev. Lewis attended the assembly at Delray Thursday.

Ross Winne was in town one day last week looking for a cow. He is offering a reward of \$30 for information as to the whereabouts of the animal.

Axel Jensen and son Edward spent the week end in Greenacres with relatives. Edward says his new Ford roadster is a big improvement on a truck for traveling.

Dr. and Mrs. Lair spent the week end at Mr. and Mrs. Homer Vivian's. Friend of Mrs. Vivian will be glad to know that her operation Friday was successful and that she is improving.

James Maxwell and his son Leo, who are building bridges on Dixie Highway, were at home over Sunday. They have a sub-contract under H. N. Davidson and are working between Jupiter and Kelsey City on the piece of road that is being straightened.

Rev. Charles B. Elliott is teaching a class in Junior B. Y. P. U. in the afternoon and a class in Sunday school work in the evenings at the Baptist church. Everybody invited, attend.

When C. B. Savage, of the Exotic Gardens, comes out to visit the club farm he puts a few packages of the palme's vegetables in his car. One day last week he took in four hampers of okra and sold them for \$17. Easy money!

Rev. Edward P. Jenkins, for many years pastor of the West Palm Beach Baptist church, is making a tour of the Holy Land. A letter from him printed in the Palm Beach Times gives his impressions of Syria. Rev. Jenkins has visited Palestine many times and has a wide acquaintance here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sharon of West Palm Beach stopped here Tuesday, and he was away six or eight weeks on a vacation trip in their car. Mr. Sharon is a well-known figure in the community and is expected to return with the outcome of the June primary election and hoped the county road bond election would go against the proposed \$250,000 issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lindrope took some of the Methodist Sunday school class of boys to Palm Beach Sunday. The day was spent very pleasantly in resting, sun-bathing and taking in several good shows. Let's get the habit, folks, of giving the kids a good time. We are sadly in need of recreations and amusements on East Beach for the young people and some of the older ones, too.

Those attending the assembly at Delray Sunday were: Messrs. J. B. G. Gales, Rev. Lewis, Clarence May, Rev. Carl Thierberry, Medames J. B. Spooner, J. A. York, Floyd Jones, Alice Packer, Earl Lewis, S. J. Jones and Mrs. Rogers; Mrs. L. B. Bayton, Edna Tidwell, Zola and Nettie, Jones, Lottie, Mayford, Roy and Carl Garbo, C. C. Stewart and Juanita Spooner and Dorothy June York.

Sap. A. Barfield came in Saturday from an alligator hunting trip. While he was away he visited practically all parts of the Glades and some of the keys. He came from West Palm Beach last year Mr. Barfield tried to buy all the alligators he needed for his business but he did not get enough, so this year he set out getting them himself. He will resume his hunting after a short stay at home.

PAHOKEE M. E. CHURCH
Everybody come to Sunday school and church at Pahokee each Sabbath. Sunday school, at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The stand will be occupied by Rev. Tiffin, Rev. Shive or occasionally an extra.

Pahokee, June 2, 1925.

We want a hard surface
road from Canal Point to
Bacon Point right away.

A. KALTENBRUNER.

MARRIED AT PAHOKEE

Drew Jones and Miss Marie Davis were married at Pahokee, Wednesday evening, E. G. Kilpatrick, jr., performing the ceremony as notary public. The couple live on section 28. This is their wedding Mr. Kilpatrick has officiated at.

PIRE PROTECTION

T. W. Cranford, assistant fire warden, has a card in this issue of The Everglades News asking the co-operation of people generally in preventing mud fires. Provisions of the law are printed in another column and readers are asked to note them.

WELCOMED THE DREDGE

When the road-making dredge reached J. R. Carver's place in section 20 it came in a few weeks ago. Mr. Carver showed the sincerity of his welcome by giving the crew a half dozen fryer chickens and two gallons of milk and bidding them help themselves from his peatch.

IS YOUR TAX TOO HIGH?

The board of county commissioners of Palm Beach county will sit at a board of equalization beginning Monday, July 5, to hear complaints and receive testimony as to the value of property assessed for taxation. This is a formal proceeding every year. It doesn't have anything to do with drainage taxes.

CARD FROM MR. BELL

I tend to think to the others who supported me in the recent primary and my good wishes to all of my friends, whether they supported me or not. I am appreciative of their kindnesses and courtesies and shall always remember them with gratitude.

C. W. BELL.

PICTURE SHOW

I wish to thank the people of Canal Point and Pahokee for their good attendance at the Pahokee moving picture theater. I am going on a vacation for three weeks but the show will run on with good pictures. On my return I will run this big picture, "The Vanishing Act." "Corba" and "The Power Express."

W. E. DOWDY.

Moore Haven

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending June 19, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
12	89	69	0.23
13	90	70	2.56
14	90	70	1.61
15	90	71	0.24
16	89	73	0.01
17	89	69	0.00
18	91	66	0.00
Average	90	69.7	0.415

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MAKING MAP OF PAHOKEE'S LAKE FRONT; OFFICIAL PLAT READY SOON FOR FILING

A letter from L. N. Simon of West Palm Beach, bearing on the subject Mr. Hunter discusses, is printed on page four of this issue.

By THOMAS HUNTER.

TALLAHASSEE, June 18.—The making of the final plats of the lake shore additions to lots in sections 18 and 19, Pahokee, has now been entrusted by the state field department to the Wallis Engineering Company, whose general office and drafting room is block north of the capitol building. Blueprints of one surveyor's plats, of the Wallis Engineering Company, Assistant Drainage Engineer Glenn Scott's plats of the 17-foot lake level boundary, and of the original recorded plats, were delivered to the company by the state field department in order to supply the total needed facts and figures to the draftsmen. In about three days the tracing plats, showing each of the new lots definitely numbered to facilitate the making of the legal descriptions, will be ready for the blue-printer who will make a complete set of blueprints for the buyers. Then the tracing plats will be sent to West Palm Beach and filed for record.

I will now explain the relation of the Internal Improvement Fund, the company and the consequent relation of this company to the buyer of Everglades land. A surveyor's plat is a map of both the state as seller and to the buyer, is a necessary first step in every transfer of state land. The trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have found by experience that they were obliged to choose one of two courses: (1) maintain a public survey department, and upon the call of any individual or group of individuals, carry each survey job to completion at the state's expense; or (2) require the buyers, who might turn out not to be buyers to assume the cost and responsibility of the survey themselves, the only requirement being that the surveying and plotting be done by a licensed civil engineer. The latter course was chosen as being more in accord with the proper economy of the state.

Drasbaek, however, approves the buyer, with his plat bearing the certificate of a licensed civil engineer, except to the buyer's credit. The latter course is a "first refusal" privilege to hope without completing his purchase.

The trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, recognizing that the plat on the part of most of the buyers of Everglades land, carefully considered these buyers' needs in this connection. They decided to supply it. Their resulting plan is embodied in the contract which they made with this specially well-qualified engineering company.

In order to provide the buyer of state lands with proper facility of access to records and, of consultation with the state field department, and to provide the state field department with the facility of receiving field information whenever needed, in the form desired and in accord with well-established and followed, the Wallis Engineering Company came into being last September—an independent private corporation, and by a special two-year contract, an auxiliary to the state's own departments in the civil engineering work connected with the sale of lands in the great drainage district of Florida.

Mr. W. T. Wallis, the head of the company, was for years a civil engineer at the main office of the chief drainage engineer at Tallahassee, during the last two years of which he was assistant drainage engineer—the foreman of the surveying and drafting force at headquarters. He resigned in September, 1923, in order to organize and begin his present business and to accept the state's contract. The company's special work, as expressed in its charter, is to specialize in the drainage and development of submerged land. Mr. Wallis is especially capable in training and information acquired during years directed to that work in the state's employ, to fulfill, to the satisfaction of both seller and buyer of state land, every requirement that leads to the first goal aimed at—namely, the "first refusal" privilege.

It was because of this extra capacity of the new corporation to overcome the difficulties that might be found in existing plats over which the state, as seller, must tread along with every buyer of its land, that the trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund chose the Wallis Engineering Company in the interest of all concerned, to be an outside auxiliary.

This company has at present no engineering parties surveying in Southern Florida, and Mr. Wallis directly supervises each of these parties by being with them between his regular visits every two weeks to Tallahassee. Here, at Tallahassee, Mr. Wallis gives his notes and instructions to his drafting force, and he also gives and receives any useful advice by consultation with the chief field agent of the Internal Improvement Board and obtains information and verification by intelligent access to all official records. Mr. Wallis, the chief field agent, attends the meetings of the board and gives recommendations and receives instructions as to time and circumstance demanded in each case considered.

Continuing the personal items which I narrated as to Mr. Wallis, I may add that he was born in Clarkburg, West Virginia, in 1900. He received his professional education at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Lexington, Virginia, where he graduated with a degree in civil engineering, at the conclusion of a four years engineering course, the degree in science—the college of which Chief Drainage Engineer Fred C. Elliott is also an honored alumnus.

The drafting work required by the business of the Internal Improvement Board is too varying in amount to make it advisable for the state to employ in its field department a force large enough to be adequate at all times, so, by having the auxiliary company always available to do overwork during Mr. Richardson's absence, the steady operation of his department much simplified. The Wallis Engineering Company has at present forty-five men on its roll. Of these eleven are engineers who go out into the field and make their maps in the office.

I am writing all this about the Wallis Engineering Company solely because I think it is information of real value especially to buyers of state land in the Everglades. The offices, the records, the information and the service of the state departments are freely available to all persons, whether they are buyers, surveyors or casual inquirers. The state field department and the auxiliary company desire to act in a spirit of cooperation with all who are in the midst of performing services similar to those which they themselves are trying their best to perform. There is no intention to create a monopoly, but, on the contrary, the intention is to smooth out the way and to remove obstacles which have been a cause of discord between seller and buyer. A plan has been thought out and provided which will be of advantage to all who are in the way related to the selling or the buying of Everglades State lands.

For the surveying of any such lands the Wallis Engineering Company is ready to give to private parties a definite contract, naming therein a definite total price, and in that price, the company will bear in mind the economies effected by having their headquarters in the capital city, by the regular visits of Mr. Wallis there every two weeks, by the production and completion of the final record plat through frequent consultation with the field department, by the correction of any fault, in detail or in course, at an early stage during the progress of the survey, and by guiding the whole progress to its desired conclusion.

(1) Applications should be made to the Commissioner of Agriculture only.

(2) All the bearings must be shown on the plat.

(3) All descriptions must be tied to the original surveys and not to some new subdivision, because the records in Tallahassee do not carry these late subdivisions. These records carry only the original United States Government surveys and the state surveys.

(4) Plats are preferably made on legal-sized sheets or multiples thereof so that copies of the plats may be filed with the deeds.

(5) Field notes and original township plat maps are in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and photostatic copies of the same may be obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture at actual cost of making the copies. These should be in the hands of the surveyor during the progress of the work so that enquiries from either side will eliminate trouble later on.

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KRAEMER ISLAND

For a long time I've wanted to go to Kraemer Island and write a story of the remarkable development there, but as I have not been able to do it I am glad to find in The Florida Grower an article by Joe Hugh Koch, its better letter article than I could write, anyway. It follows:

No better object lesson in the value of draining and diking as a means of protecting lowlands against flood and frost exists than the Turner & Gum development on Kraemer Island in Lake Okeechobee, a few miles off the south-east shore.

This is the property and enterprise of W. N. Turner, of Kokomo, Indiana, L. P. Gum, of Lexington, Kentucky, and John B. Beach, of West Palm Beach. Mr. Turner and Mr. Gum are partners in the ownership of 50 acres and Beach owns 20 acres, but the 70 acres is in one body and is being developed and operated by the partners with Mr. Beach as associate.

The property is situated at the north end of the island, and the development is less than two years old. I visited the island May 4, 1926, and was informed by the partners that the plantings were only 21 months old.

It strains credulity to believe that so much could be accomplished in such a brief period but there can be no question of it because careful records are kept of all important matters in connection with the enterprise.

One and Three-Fourths Mile Dike

The first great task was clearing the land, but this was accomplished in short order under the energetic direction of Mr. Turner, with a large force of laborers. The property is elliptical in shape and is surrounded by canal and dike. The distance from the shore to the dike is one mile and three-fourths. The canal was dug about a hundred feet back from the shore of the island, and the intervening space has been utilized for the construction of residences, out buildings and the planting of ornamentals. A yacht basin was made, half-a-mile long, which left a long narrow point of land between the basin and the lake which Mrs. Gum planned to return to. This great undulating mass of flowers is a most gorgeous sight.

Mr. Turner is the resident and active manager of the property, though Mr. Gum spends much time there. Mr. Gum makes his winter home at Lake Wales, having been engaged in citrus growing for 13 years in the Ridge Section. Mr. Turner came to Florida several years ago and purchased several citrus groves in other sections but eventually returned to Indiana because he had failed to find just what he wanted. His call of Florida was too urgent to resist, however, and about five years ago he returned to the state he visited Kraemer Island.

The picturesque quality of the place, its favorable location, the denseness of the wild growth and the fabulous crop grown there by homesteaders made an overwhelming appeal to him and he decided to buy and make his home there. It is not generally known, perhaps, that the islands in Lake Okeechobee were not then owned by the state of Florida. A line drawn straight across the lake from Canal Point to Moore Haven would be north of Kraemer Island, Kitta and Observation islands, and that line would not be many miles north of the south shore of Lake Okeechobee. Yet these islands were not included in the patent by which the Everglades were conveyed by the United States government to the state of Florida. The Everglades lie south of the lake, though many refer to all the lake region as Everglades. So the land on Kraemer Island and the other islands mentioned, such of it as was occupied, was inhabited by homesteaders and squatters. But the obstacles were overcome by the persistent Turner, who had searched far and wide for what he wanted and knew when he had found it. Later he shared his discovery with Gum and Beach.

Water control on the island. The canal, which encloses the property is 25 feet wide and 6 feet deep, and

the area within is protected against excess water by pumps. This system, which was deemed necessary to the successful operation of the property, is similar to that installed by the Palm Beach Drainage and Highway district south of the lake. At a distance the dike drainage district will employ much larger and more powerful pumps, and other construction to establish water control will be on a much larger scale. The demonstration on Kraemer Island has been of great value to other development enterprises. It has become a show place in less than two years where farm land salesmen bring their prospective purchasers to give them a practical proof of what can be accomplished on muck soil in a short time.

Above the banks of the canal a windbreak of Australian pines was planted. These trees are only four or five feet apart, and in 21 months have grown to a height of six feet. At a distance the array of their topmost branches presents the appearance of a picket line against the horizon.

Water Control

Inside the windbreak is a promenade—rather a path—which makes walking easy for the entire distance around the property, and upon the sloping banks from the path down to the canal, Cordons, hibiscus and numerous other plants are growing all set with the precision of the landscape architect. It was particularly surprising to see coconut trees here less than two years old. A size and height which the plant usually does not attain in five years on the coast. There is a belief somewhat general that the coconuts will not thrive except on or near salt water. Lake Okeechobee, it will be remembered, is fresh water.

Tangerines, Avocados, Mangos

The Kraemer Island development is specializing in tangerines, avocados and mangoes. Five thousand trees have been planted—the proportion being about 2,000 tangerines, and 1,000 avocados and mangos. The mangos, while numerous, are relatively few. In the selection of stock it was the purpose of the proprietors to have avocados in bearing every month of the year. From long experience in citrus raising Mr. Gum knew that tangerines always command a good price and are easier to sell than oranges or grapefruit. Both the tangerine and avocado trees have fruit on them at this time, 21 months of age. The oft-quoted remark that avocados will not do well on muck has no terrors for the Kraemer Island partners. Along with the tangerines and avocados which Mr. Turner purchased a homesteader's place that had an avocado tree on it. At five years of age the tree bore two boxes of fruit which netted \$50.

Concentrating on Fruit Crops

The first year the partners took between \$20,000 and \$40,000 worth of produce from the land, which did not interfere in the least with the growth of the fruit trees, but they do not expect to plant vegetables between the rows after another season. Also it is their purpose to cut out the bananas and concentrate on tangerines, avocados and mangos, though they have been a variety of fruit plantings, including figs, grapes and peaches. These were planted in the nature of an experiment. A good getting of fruit was observed on each. Mr. Gum stated that they expected an income of from \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year within five years from their fruit sales, which seems entirely reasonable.

Every essential comfort and convenience has been built or installed on the property or in every essential manner. There are electric lights, ice and water plants; mail service twice a day; regular line boats plying between the island and Canal Point stop there, and others call. The regular boats connect with the Atlantic Coast Line at Clewiston and the Florida East Coast Railroad at Canal Point; they have a recording thermometer which shows that there has never been a frost on Kraemer Island since it was installed.

the mercury never having fallen below 40.

The partners own a handsome cabin cruiser upon which they could go safely to sea if they cared to, and as a farewell inducement for the visitors to call again. Mr. Gum said that the hunting and fishing were fine—wild duck and trout being plentiful.

The most forcible impression one gains from an inspection of the Kraemer Island development is the remarkable achievements in productive plant life that can be accomplished on muck soil. While it is unquestionably true that a large expenditure has been made there it is also true that if the owners cared to sell the property they could get many times the amount of their investment without any effort.

VIRTUE IN SMALL FARMS

SOUTHERN Florida, for this purpose considered as that part south of a line from Melbourne to Tampa, produced in 1924 approximately \$25,000,000 worth of crops and livestock.

How far this part of the state is falling below its agricultural possibilities, says the Miami Tribune, is shown by the fact that this is less than a fourth of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in that area at that time. Yet such a little land as lies in that broad expanse could be made to produce several hundred per cent gross more than its actual valuation.

This part of Florida offers one of the greatest opportunities for agricultural development the history of America can boast. Wildernesses have been conquered by the plow, and prairies have been reclaimed from savages to serve mankind, all at tremendous sacrifice in time, labor and life.

Here rails are available. Waterways, recent or in the course of construction, offer opportunity to claim for agriculture thousands of acres of fertile land during a brief period of time when the men actually doing the work need suffer no privations nor suffer unusual hardships.

The land is formed of a hundred kinds of soil. It will produce a wide variety of crops in abundance. It will produce, of many things, four crops a year. Of others, it will produce throughout the twelvemonth a steady return, so that, once established, the farmer need never experience the one-crop man's pinch for money.

An additional advantage is that with four crops a year, 20 acres of land will be equal to 80 northern acres. When an Iowa farmer rears four stalwart sons and is brought to the necessity of dividing his only 80 acres between them, he goes to his grave secure in the thought that one must thrive the others or all will starve.

Here is a land where 20 acres can be made to suffice to give a man an opportunity to rear and educate a family and provide a surplus for his offspring so they need not quarrel about the division of his estate.

When one acre will do the work of four, Florida's back country is destined to become a decade to become an agricultural paradise. Then the isolation of the farmer and consequent loss of mental development will end, where communities can enjoy the social intercourse that comes of thick settlement. The land is here for the making.

Mr. Trucker, now is the time to buy that piece of land before the boom which is sure to come. Get in before the price goes up, as we will have a boom with railroad and cross-state highway coming right through this section. Do not wait any longer; come and let me show you what I have for sale.—E. H. Friedman, Chosen, Fla.

ARSENATE POISONING WILL HELP CONTROL TOMATO FRUIT WORM

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Some tomato growers, particularly in Bradford county, are having considerable trouble with the tomato fruit worm, says M. R. Ensign, extension entomologist. In certain cases this pest is giving very serious trouble to the crop.

Mr. Ensign recommends that tomato growers pick off all tomatoes already set in cages where the fruit worm is troublesome, and then that the plants be poisoned. Either calcium arsenate spray, about 1½ pounds to 50 gallons can be used for this.

It is important that the poison be applied just before or at the time the eggs are hatching, as the worms will be feeding on the foliage at this time.

By destroying all tomatoes already set, the grower gets rid of the worms in his fruit, which cannot be reached by poison, and may be able to get a later crop set that will be free.

The tomato fruit worm is the same thing as the corn ear worm, and Mr. Ensign believes that it would be a good idea to destroy all corn near an infested tomato field.

STATE ACTIVITIES

TALLAHASSEE, June 17.—The fact that Florida has less than 2,000,000 people and only 2,500,000 acres under the plowshare bespeaks the great opportunities and possibilities for the state, according to T. J. Brooks, director of the immigration bureau of the state department of agriculture.

Mr. Brooks gave some statistics he had gathered himself on "what Florida has." A recent resolution, which the New York Sun carried as a leading editorial, Mr. Brooks said, was as follows:

"What Florida has: Florida has no severance tax; no corporation stock transfer tax; no franchise tax; no income tax; no inheritance tax; no bonded indebtedness, and has \$11,000,000 in the treasury."

"What Florida has," the speaker asserted, included a number of things. Briefly, he listed them as follows:

"Florida carries a banner in the procession of state and has to back it up more than a million and a quarter citizens."

"And to show something of the activities of these people, I will mention a few things."

"Last year this state produced upon an area less than that of the average state of a country, 24,000 car loads of fruits and vegetables for which the ultimate consumers paid almost \$300,000,000."

"Our fisheries yield \$16,000,000 annually. Our minerals yield \$16,000,000 annually. Our manufactures turn out \$180,000,000 annually."

"The state's assessed valuation in 1923 was \$445,000,000."

"In 1923 this had grown to: 'Building permits for 27 cities in 1923 reached \$250,000,000.'"

"Building permits for the first quarter of 1926 was 90 per cent more than those of the first quarter of 1925. The telephone companies spent \$10,000,000 in this state for extension in 1925, and have announced even more will be spent this year."

"The railroads have invested in Florida \$261,000,000 and the three main trunk line roads had a net income last year of \$7,484,943."

"During 1925 twenty additional steamship lines entered Florida ports."

"Lockville is completing her third 1,000 foot pier."

"Tampa is spending \$5,000,000 on her port terminals."

"Miami is spending \$1,600,000 and planning \$6,000,000 on harbor development."

"Palm Beach and West Palm Beach are spending \$3,500,000 on port facilities."

"Millions are being invested to accommodate our tremendous tourist trade."

"Factories are being built involving millions."

"Bank deposits for 1923 were \$263,000,000 and those for 1925 were \$274,000,000."

DECIDE AGAINST DAMS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 16.—Whether any immediate action will be taken to afford protective measures for the Broward and Dade sub-drainage districts will probably be decided tomorrow when the board of commissioners of the Everglades district will receive a delegation from Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

The commissioners, at a meeting to day decided not to pass the proposed building of a levee from the North New river canal to the South New river canal, with dams and spillways to protect approximately 250,000 acres from possible flooding, because, it was stated, about 10 per cent of the territory involved would be cut off, leaving protection to but 84 per cent.

Plans were then taken up for righting up the spoil banks and levees along the South New river canal and Miami canal, but this was objected to by the delegation, several members declaring that the work could not be completed before the flood season and it was finally decided to hold another meeting tomorrow, when the matter will be taken up again.

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REQUISITION OF AID.

Sec. 5. In cases of fires in the Everglades Drainage District from which damage will result, and of such magnitude as may make necessary, the Fire Wardens shall have authority to require the service or services of any person or persons, machinery and tools for assisting them in eliminating and preventing such fires and for preventing damage to property in the Everglades Drainage District. And the Wardens shall pay therefor such price as may be agreed upon, or such sums as the Fire Warden may deem just and proper, and as may be approved by the Fire Control Board. To better enable the Fire Wardens to enforce and make effective the provisions of this Act, the said Fire Wardens shall have and are hereby vested with police powers under laws of this State applicable thereto; and that said Wardens shall exercise such powers in making arrests, in requiring services and in otherwise enforcing the provisions of this Act.

FIRES PROHIBITED.

Sec. 6. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, to set fire or cause the same to be set or started upon lands within the Everglades Drainage District, except as in this Act otherwise provided. The clearing of lands by fire, the setting of field fires, forest fires, prairie fires, and all other fires, including the smoking or driving of game by fire, are hereby prohibited, except as herein otherwise specifically provided. It shall be unlawful to abandon or leave unattended any camp fires.

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Sec. 7. That it shall be unlawful for any proprietor of lands, lessee, tenant or other occupant, to have on his premises any brush heaps, trash pile, accumulation or stacks of combustible or inflammable material, exposed to danger, the burning thereof may endanger the spread of fire or other property. It is hereby required that all brush, trash or other inflammable material accumulated, existing or resulting from the clearing of land shall be protected from fires by clearing of land around such heaps or piles, so as to prevent the spread of fire therefrom, and such heap, pile or stack shall be burned or otherwise disposed of, as shall be directed by order of the Fire Warden of the Everglades Drainage District, or his deputies.

It shall be unlawful to stack, pile or accumulate any brush, trash or other inflammable material within one hundred feet of any highways, roads or canal bank, except for opening up of new roads and highways and canals when cleared off materials may be piled and burned under the direction and supervision of the Fire Warden or his Deputies.

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Sec. 8. That setting of all fires, the burning of all brush and trash, the clearing of all fields, prairies, woods, or other lands by fire shall be done by the Fire Warden of the Everglades Drainage District, or his Deputies, and in accordance with such Rules and Regulations as may be prescribed therefor by the said Board of the Everglades Drainage District.

All Deputy Fire Wardens of the various Sub-Fire Districts, shall be under the supervision and control of the Fire Control Board of the Board of the Everglades Drainage District, and shall make all reports and render all bills to them for approval, and the Board will submit such bills, when approved, to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund at Tallahassee, for final approval and payment.

PENALTY.

Sec. 10. Any person or persons who shall carelessly, willfully, maliciously or otherwise set or cause to be set fire or on any lands within the Everglades Drainage District, except in accordance with the provisions of this Act, or who shall violate any of the provisions hereof, including the failure or refusal to carry out orders, or to furnish services when required by the Fire Warden or any of his Deputies, shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment in the State prison for a period not exceeding one year or by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars; or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff in the County in which said lands are located, together with his Deputies, to cooperate with the Fire Wardens to enforce the several sections and provisions of this Act, with reference to the setting of fires, making arrests therefor, the assisting in obtaining convictions for violations thereof, whose Districts or County is wholly or partially within the Everglades Drainage District.

Sec. 12. That it is hereby declared that, in and for the Everglades Drainage District, fire is a "common enemy" that by reason thereof, emergencies have heretofore existed and are certain hereafter to exist, and that such measures as hereinbefore outlined are necessary and needful for the protection of life and property, the prevention of loss,

ALL WELCOME TO COME AND FARM

From The Saturday Evening Post. There is no subject more intimately bound up with the history of our country, and with many of the problems which still press for solution, than that of settlement. It is true that the hardy pioneer, with his family and covered wagon, no longer crosses the plains in search of free virgin soil. One frontier after another, has passed irrevocably into yesterday.

But none the less over large parts of the nation the effort still is to induce people to settle on the land and add unceasingly to the products of the soil. No less than in early times, there is an irresistible fascination in mere acreage, in bare land, that makes it impossible for men to keep their hands off it, regardless of the relative economy of its cropping or the profitableness of markets for its products. Land is a magnet, a lodestone that seemingly has a power of its own to draw men to it, at whatever costs or hazards.

Now we know that since the beginning of settlement in the United States there has been a tendency for agriculture to expand more rapidly than the market demand would justify. This overexpansion of farm areas has been the result largely, or partly, of the pioneering tradition. It was in the blood of the early settler to press ever on, always opening up new territory as he went.

American agriculture has a vivid background. Even today, after a century and a half, the yearning for possession of the soil of a people descended from land-hungry European stock has not been appeased. Then, too, speculative forces have always been operative. Families have settled on new lands and worked to return later when they would otherwise have been willing to accept, because of the hope of an advance in capital values.

Especially in the newly settled states the speculative spirit of the people is still a powerful force. In the past, millions of dollars have accrued to farmers and others through the increase in land values, and many hope, perhaps frequently with some degree of justification, that there is still an opportunity for the same kind of profit.

On the other hand, if there is any fact proved and established up to the hilt, it is that the rewards of agriculture as a whole have not in recent years been commensurate with those in commerce and industry. Regardless of

the preservation of the valuable assets of the Districts, and the enjoyment of the same by the citizens of the District.

plunger's chances, the farmer's business is the production of food and raw material at cost of production plus a reasonable return upon his investment. Farming cannot be a sound business on any other terms.

Yet the drive to divide up the land and to settle more people upon it still goes on, although the result is to produce more crops which must be sold. There are those who say that the expansion of farm areas has gone hand in hand with, if it has not been an actual cause of the growth in wealth and population so characteristic of our history.

Who can say? Perhaps the best of this growth might have been had with less waste and cost. Perhaps the current of expansion and settlement might have been more wisely guided without halting a normal and wholesome growth. We know this much—that agriculture has been and is once again apart from other lines of business in the extent to which the farmer is overwhelmed with new competition. It is said the farmer has no more right to object to competition than have plumbers, newspaper reporters, dentists and bond salesmen.

But the comparison is not on all of these. There are no organized efforts on the part of powerful outside interests and whole communities to multiply the number of plumbers, dentists, and the like. When it comes to agriculture, the situation is utterly different, for all the resources of the owners of undeveloped lands, land companies, colonization and reclamation enterprises, railroads and local business interests in general, are directed toward developing still further the agricultural output, which is what placing more settlers upon the land amounts to.

No wonder the head of a farmers' marketing organization in California—although it might have been in any one of a number of other states—recently exclaimed in dismay:

"Power companies, railroads, banks, municipalities, all combine before they can obtain franchises. Try to start a new bank in Berkeley for example or try to get a farmers' marketing organization in California! Are investment funds guarded against undue competition?"

Real-estate agents once were overplentiful. Some almost starved. They got a law passed, and now no outsider can bootleg land. Before you join the elect you must pass a searching examination. Teachers' diplomas are increasingly difficult to get. Barbers and bricklayers, plasterers and physicians, lawyers and longshoremen, all strive for prominence in the path of undue competition.

"But agriculture is another story. The state, the counties, the local organizations all say 'Welcome, stranger!'"

BELLE GLADE

BELLE GLADE, June 25.—Earnest Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kelley, was married June 14th to Miss Julia Myrick of Thomsville, Ga. Mr. Kelley is in charge of the Bryan & Holloway construction crew, and will return with his bride shortly to Belle Glade where they will make their future home. Best wishes and a welcome to our community.

Mrs. J. M. Kelley and son, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith have returned from Georgia. They are living in the apartment over the Badger store. Mrs. J. M. Kelley and son, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith have returned from Georgia. They are living in the apartment over the Badger store.

F. S. Stallings is putting up a store building with apartments above, in the Watts addition, also a residence in the original townsite.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Everett Haney and Miss Hilda Clark at Miami May 10th. They were formerly of Belle Glade, and we wish them all kinds of luck, prosperity and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Patton and family of Miami were on Sunday, calling on old time friends and neighbors. W. H. Smith has gone to Michigan for a visit with his family.

Report says that the pump in the "triangle" well will start this week. We hope the report is true, as the continued heavy rains have made the back country pretty wet.

The rains have "washed" the rock road badly, making rough traveling again. The Buckeye ditcher that has been cutting lateral ditches in section 5 has crossed the Hillsboro and is on its way to assist in throwing up the grade for the railroad bed.

LEGEND OF SPANISH MOSS

By Mrs. Linwood Jefferys Jacksonville, Fla.

Agnes before any white man touched our shores, so the legend begins, the dominion South Wind held complete domination over all the fair land of Florida. Her many subjects went everywhere to do her bidding. Zephyr, Whiskering Wind, Balmie Breeze and Wafted Fragrance were four of her helpers, but there were others just as loyal.

In an old Indian ballad, we are told that Spring would be but gloomy weather, but we had nothing else but

Spring and that was the trouble with the days and nights the South Wind dispensed to her kingdom. It needed an occasional cool snap to give character to the climate—at least so thought the Father of Winds. Accordingly he dispatched the North Wind to advise for three months in her place over the land of flowers.

Very loath to submit was the South Wind, for she loved the marshes and plains, and vari-colored flowers. "Oh, Great Spirit," she pleaded, "do not deny me the sight of my beautiful kingdom even for a short time. I cannot help to see my trees and flowers touched by the Northern blast. I pray thee for mercy. My land is so beautiful and I love to keep it so." The Great Spirit was touched by such profound love for her native land. Something must be done, he thought.

"Gentle South Wind," she was told. You need sleep only short intervals during the North Wind's reign. "But what of my subjects," asked the South Wind, as she looked across the river on whose banks she held court. In sky above the water lying hundreds of tiny grey clouds, very fleecy like and lacy in appearance. "Never fear, gentle one," said the Great Spirit. "You pink grey clouds shall enfold your faithful spirit until you need them." Whiff! the little grey clouds fairly danced down from the sky in an ecstasy of service. Heir, there and everywhere they scampered in search of others. Now the little wind spirit had taken refuge in their favorite tree tops and the grey clouds found them. Snug close about the spiraling branches of the trees they could see the North Wind begin to rule the land he noticed the small grey clouds in the trees it was just about the time for the

"Oh!" thought the North Wind. "I can't hang closets on these trees and I have a short and interrupted reign anyway" so the little grey clouds hung gracefully from the branches. Now these grey spirits sleeping—when the hour came when the South Wind awoke for the first time she immediately summoned her spirits, Balmie Breeze, Zephyr, Whiskering Wind, Wafted Fragrance and all the best gently slipped out of their grey cloaks and left them hanging from the trees.

The North Wind himself, strange to say, was so in love with the land as he found it, even his cold and hardened heart began to warm just a little, stern and crude monarch that he was he did practically no damage to the trees and flowers.

Thus the little grey clouds of the South Wind Spirits became permanent additions to the trees for they turned into moss—Crystal River Herald.